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JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, December 9, 2019
Town Hall Meeting Hall

34th ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST AWARD PRESENTATION

Fire Marshal James York, along with First Selectman Lori Spielman, presented the following awards to Ellington students, winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest:

First Place: Hayley Badera, Crystal Lake School
Second Place: Shravya Thejreddy, Windermere School
Third Place: Millie Oliva, Center School

Honorable Mentions

Grace Schmidt
Mahathi Sivakumar
Nina Vannelli

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori Spielman, James Prichard, John Turner, David Stavens,
Melinda Ferry, Ronald Stomberg

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Sarah Cook

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Webb, Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator;
Peter Hany, President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps; Jim
York, Fire Marshal; John Rachek, Board of Finance Chairman; Sgt.
Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor; Tom Palshaw,
Jack Rich II, Chief, Bob Smith, Deputy Chief, Ellington Volunteer
Fire Department; Gary Feldman

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 7:16 P.M. by First Selectman Spielman.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**III. CITIZENS' FORUM:** Non-agenda items: No one came forward.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA; NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM VI. L. TOWN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REFERRAL REGARDING PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 48. WETLAND AND ZONING VIOLATIONS.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**A. November 4, 2019 Board of Selectmen Public Hearing**

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING.

B. November 5, 2018 Town Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

C. November 5, 2018 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A. Appointment of Board of Finance Representative to the Permanent Building Committee**

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT DAVID OLENDER, AS THE BOARD OF FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE TO DECEMBER 6, 2021.

B. Appointment of Board of Finance Representatives to the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DOUGLAS HARDING AS A BOARD OF FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO DECEMBER 6, 2021.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JOSEPH WEHR AS A BOARD OF FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO DECEMBER 6, 2021.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,245.66 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2019. **[ATTACHED]**

B. Re-establish the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

C. Award of Bid: Provide Cleaning Services

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES OF THE TOWN FACILITIES ON AN ON-GOING BASIS INCLUDING DAILY, MONTHLY, SEMI-ANNUAL AND ANNUAL SERVICES TO ADAMS & ADAMS BUILDING SERVICES, INC OF ENFIELD, CT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR RENEWALS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORK/WPCA ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER.

D. Award of Bid: Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) – Ambulance

Mr. Stavens asked if there were any additional bids presented. Chief Hany said that the bid notice went out and he personally contacted other vendors. Two vendors came to the mandatory pre-bid meeting and only one presented a bid. Mr. Stavens then asked why the bid includes 16 studded snow tires. Chief Hany stated that the correct number is 6 and the error on the document will be corrected. Mr. Prichard asked if this includes 6 rims as well, and Chief Hany said that rims are included.

Mr. Rachek asked if ambulances are available on the State Bid List. Mr. Stavens suggested that this avenue be pursued in the future.

Mr. Turner asked what the delivery period would be and Chief Hany said he expects it to be about 4 months.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR AN ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS AMBULANCE TO EASTFORD FIRE & RESCUE SALES OF EASTFORD, CT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER AND PRESIDENT OF ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS.

E. EVFD: Urban Interface Pumper – Waive Bid Process

Chief Rich said that a committee was formed and they met with three vendors. The committee is suggesting waiving the bid process because the purchase is through a GSA HCA website, which is a federal website and is pre-bid, pre-spec competitive bid process. Mr. Stavens asked if the other vendors provided numbers; Bob Smith, Deputy Fire Chief said that this represents the best situation to pursue moving forward. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the options and Chief Rich explained the reasoning for their selected option.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WITH HGACBuy, THE SMART PURCHASING SOLUTION, OF HOUSTON, TX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20.

FURTHER, MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE KME MODEL: COMMERCIAL INTERFACE PUMPER AS PROVIDED BY BULLDOG FIRE & EMERGENCY APPARATUS, INC DUE TO BEING PURCHASED THROUGH HGACBuy COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

F. EVFD: Urban Interface Pumper – Lease

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY OF LESSEE HAS DETERMINED THAT A TRUE AND VERY REAL NEED EXISTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN THE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LESSEE AND LEASING 2, INC., AND HAS FURTHER DETERMINED THAT THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED SOLELY FOR ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS AND NOT FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS USE.

WHEREAS, LESSEE HAS TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION TO COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, UNDER APPLICABLE LAW TO ARRANGE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH EQUIPMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LESSEE THAT THE TERMS OF SAID LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ESCROW AGREEMENT, IF APPLICABLE, ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF LESSEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH EQUIPMENT, AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF LESSEE DESIGNATES AND CONFIRMS THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, THE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ESCROW AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS

NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ESCROW AGREEMENT.

FURTHER MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO ENTER INTO A 5 (FIVE) YEAR LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEASING 2, INC. TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF KME MODEL: COMMERCIAL INTERFACE PUMPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$396,928.00 PURCHASED FROM BULLDOG FIRE & EMERGENCY APPARATUS, INC.

G. Probation – Michael Girard, EMT/Driver Per Diem

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT REGULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS TO MICHAEL GIRARD, EMT/DRIVER PER DIEM, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 28, 2019, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS CHIEF, RECOGNIZING THAT MR. GIRARD HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE REQUIRED PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 180 CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF HIRE.

H. Probation – David Dodge, EMT/Driver Per Diem

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT REGULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS TO DAVID DODGE, EMT/DRIVER PER DIEM, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 2019, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS CHIEF, RECOGNIZING THAT MR. DODGE HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE REQUIRED PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 180 CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF HIRE.

I. Probation – Kristen Harp, Assistant Youth Services Director

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT REGULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS TO KRISTEN HARP, ASSISTANT YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 2019, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR RECOGNIZING THAT MS. HARP HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE REQUIRED PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 90 CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF PROMOTION TO HER CURRENT POSITION.

J. Probation – Julia Connor, Executive Assistant/Website & Social Media Coordinator

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT REGULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS TO JULIA CONNOR, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10, 2019, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND THE FIRST SELECTMAN RECOGNIZING THAT MS. CONNOR HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE REQUIRED PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 90 CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF PROMOTION TO HER CURRENT POSITION.

K. Probation – LouAnn Cannella, Human Resources Coordinator/Executive Assistant

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT REGULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS TO LOUANN CANNELLA, HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10, 2019, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN RECOGNIZING THAT MS. CANNELLA HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE REQUIRED PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 90 CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF PROMOTION TO HER CURRENT POSITION.

L. Town Ordinance Committee Referral

Mr. Stomberg asked why this is necessary. Ms. Cannella said that the changes to Chapter 46 affected the wording in Chapter 48, so revisions are necessary to ensure accuracy.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REFER THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TOWN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 48. WETLAND AND ZONING VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN PLANNER AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- A. Building Official
- B. Emergency Services: Mr. Turner said that all Emergency personnel are out and working on the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Mr. Stavens asked how Eversource is responding to the issues that were raised after the last storm. Mr. Webb said that promises for improvement have been made by Eversource, but it will take another storm before it is known if improvements have been realized. Mr. Webb said that area legislators attended the meeting with Eversource to emphasize the priority of these issues. Mr. Turner noted that this is not a problem unique to Ellington. Many towns are having problems with Eversource. Discussion continued regarding the serious issues that are of concern and the necessity of Eversource to respond appropriately.
 - 1. Resident State Troopers' Office
 - 2. Emergency Management Director
 - 3. Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps
 - 4. Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
 - 5. Crystal Lake Fire Department
- C. Fire Marshal
- D. Hall Memorial Library: Ms. Ferry asked about the reference in Ms. Phillips report that the Library roof is leaking. Mr. Webb said that Dzen Roofing is coming out tomorrow morning to repair the leak. Ms. Ferry asked if they are responsible for the damage and Mr. Webb said that they will be.
- E. Tax & Revenue Collector
- F. Town Planner
- G. Human Services Department
- H. Finance Office

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee

1. Resignations
2. Appointments

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MIKE SWANSON FROM THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JENNIFER MULLIN FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT KATHERINE HEMINWAY TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO JANUARY 31, 2023.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT BRUCE N. WARKENTIN, RHONDA VILLANOVA, DENNIS D. KAYHART, JOHN M. TAKACH, TED C. GRAZIANI, CHERYL SAMBORSKI, CHRISTIAN SAUER, JOHN CHANDLER, SARA LANDON AND JOSEPH BOUCHER TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE TO SERVE ONE-YEAR TERMS DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT STEVEN VILLANOVA AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT WANDA DELAND AS LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.

IX. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS:

Ms. Ferry noted that there is a School Facilities Meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

X. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

A. Human Resources – Staff Update:

1. Resignations:

- Gregory White, Finance Officer (resigned)
- Deborah Stauffer, Youth Services Prevention Coordinator (retired)
- Benjamin Pare, Maintainer I, DPW (resigned)

2. New Hires

- Christine Post, Recording Secretary, Planning Department

C. Other:

Ms. Spielman said that the Town newsletter is now being done online. She said that this is how the newsletter will be out until she can figure out a way to go back to the print copies.

Ms. Spielman said that the Department of Public Works has received their new dump truck.

Ms. Spielman reported that the lights have been installed on the Ellington High School football field and were used on November 27, 2019. Ms. Spielman thanked Earthlight for all of the work they did on this project.

Ms. Spielman said that she is involved in the Nellie McKnight Museum and she is pleased to say that there are 25 new members. The front porch will be replaced in the spring.

Ms. Spielman said that she attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Andrew Ferruolo of Boy Scout Troop 96. Andrew constructed a new wooden guardrail at Crystal Lake's Sandy Beach and also he redid a sign.

Ms. Spielman said that this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual holiday cookie sale at Hall Memorial Library.

The Holiday Lighting Contest ends on Friday, December 3, 2019; Fan Favorite voting will go until December 20, 2019. She added that there are many wonderful prizes.

Ms. Spielman reminded the BOS that on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Ellington Cemetery, a ceremony will be held in conjunction with Wreaths Across America. Members of the EVFD and EVAC and others will be placing wreaths on veterans' graves.

Ms. Spielman said that Ellington is now part of a shared service for Fire Marshal coverage. She signed an agreement where Ellington, Vernon, Tolland and South Windsor will share Fire Marshal coverage when necessary. Mr. Turner asked if a similar arrangement could be made for Building Officials. Ms. Spielman said that if our Building Official is out, other Towns will help out, such as Somers.

Ms. Spielman said that on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Ellington High School gym, the Board of Education be talking about their long-term facilities study and master plan. Mr. Turner said that the discussion will be solely on the options for Windermere School.

Ms. Ferry asked for an update on the recruitment efforts for a Finance Officer. Ms. Spielman said that there are several candidates who will be interviewed next week. She added that if there is an offer to be made following those interviews, she may call a Special Board of Selectmen meeting on December 30, 2019.

Ms. Spielman thanked the EVFD for putting on a wonderful parade during Winterfest on Saturday. She also commended Sue Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library, and the Winterfest Committee for all the work done in coordinating the Winterfest activities.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Turner noted that the Office Manager of Priority Urgent Care sent in a letter regarding the EVFD members their high standards and their kindness, respect and willingness to help. Ms. Spielman responded to the Office Manager and forwarded the much-appreciated letter to the EVFD {ATTACHED}.


Mr. Turner brought attention to the letter provided by the North Central District Health Department correspondence regarding population estimates. He noted that this information is used in several of the budget calculations and is used for the 911 Services. Ellington has increased in population again this year.

Mr. Turner clarified that the Neighborhood Assistance Grants were both awarded to the Town. Ms. Spielman said that the information provided appears to show that the Town was awarded the two grants. Ms. Cannella noted that official notification is expected.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:04 P.M.

Submitted by


LouAnn Cannella
Recording Secretary

Approved by


Lori Spielman
First Selectman

TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS					VI.A	
DECEMBER, 2019						
PERSON/CORPORATION						
REFUNDS						
DOLLAR AMOUNT		MV/PERS.PROP REAL ESTATE	YEAR	TAX/ASSESSOR REQUESTING DEPT.	REASON FOR	
\$120.92	ALLY FINANCIAL	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 7/25/19	
\$290.14	BLOTNISKI SHAWN M	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH TRADED 9/5/18	
\$131.77	CHASE AUTO FINANCE	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 6/25/19	
\$26.67	FINANCIAL SER VEH TRUST	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 1/31/19	
\$64.42	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD TO LESSEE 7/10/19	
\$294.15	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD TO LESSEE 10/25/18	
\$471.98	NISSAN INFINITI LT	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD TO LESSEE	
\$323.68	NISSAN INFINITI LT	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 11/9/18	
\$5.67	THOMAS ROBERT P	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 8/2/19	
\$221.46	TOLLAND COMMONS LLC	RE	2018	ASSESSOR	CO 1/15/19/GUT/RENO COMPLETE	
\$72.27	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 6/25/19	
\$443.26	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 12/21/18	
\$304.15	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 12/6/18	
\$239.80	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 4/5/19	
\$286.39	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD TO LESSEE IN NC 3/12/19	
\$294.05	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH SOLD 3/6/19	
\$54.88	YU JIANJUN + GU KENING	MV	2018	ASSESSOR	VEH REG FLA 6/4/19	
\$4,245.66	DECEMBER 2019 REFUND TOTAL					
	ABATEMENTS					
\$0.00	DECEMBER 2019 ABATEMENT TOTAL					
\$4,245.66	DECEMBER 2019 REFUND AND ABATEMENT TOTAL					



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Agenda Item # X.B

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November 27, 2019

Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
Chief Jack Rich, II
29 Main Street
Ellington, CT 06029

Dear Chief Rich,

Please see the attached email I received from the Office Manager of Priority Urgent Care.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to you and all of the Ellington Volunteer Firefighters. I am incredibly proud to receive feedback from our community recognizing the respectful, kind manner in which the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department members carry themselves on and off the job. It is wonderful to know that they leave a lasting impression with not only Priority Urgent Care, but everyone they come in contact with.

I speak on behalf of everyone in the Town of Ellington when I say we are very grateful to have you all keeping us safe and going above and beyond in our community with such an amazing demeanor and attitude.

Congratulations to the department on being such a professional representation of the Town of Ellington; you make us all proud!

Sincerely,

Lori Spielman
First Selectman

cc: Board of Selectman
Susan Witkowski

Enclosure
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Lori Spielman

From: Susan Witkowski <susan_witkowski@icloud.com>
Content: Friday, November 15, 2019 3:32 PM
Lori Spielman
Subject: Ellington Fire Department - Thank you!

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Lori,

My name is Susan Witkowski and I am the office manager at Priority Urgent Care on West Road.

As you make know, we started doing the annual physicals for the Ellington Fire Department and I wanted to personally reach out to you and let you know how much we appreciate how kind and thoughtful each Ellington Firefighter has been when they come in for their physicals.

As a whole, our company performs many physicals, and even some of the same sort with other departments, but our staff has noticed that your town firefighters seem to hold themselves and their town at a much higher standard than we see from others.

Today in particular (11/15/19) I had a gentleman in for a routine annual physical, again with just an amazing attitude and demeanor, that went above and beyond what I would expect from someone that had to take a couple hours out of their day to perform a physical. A woman, not a patient at the clinic, came rushing through the door in almost hysterics because her car lights had been on for a while and needed someone with jumper cables to help her. Now, being 39 weeks pregnant myself, managing a very busy clinic, and not exactly car savvy, I knew that I could ask your firefighter to help me with this with no problem. I don't think I even finished the sentence asking him before he was already up, out of the seat in his patient room, and on the way out the door to help her.

Again, we see hundreds of patients a month and I perform many of these physicals myself, and there is no other department or entity that our staff enjoys seeing more than the Ellington Fire Department. We have yet to meet someone associated with them that is not overly kind, respectful, and ready to help anyone in need.

Thank you,

Susan Witkowski
(860)690-0384

Sent from my iPhone